

SEPTEMBER 11th: DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

SACRAMENTO - Lieutenant Governor John Garamendi today issued the following statement: "Six years ago today, our nation experienced the horror of a terror attack now forever etched in our memories. Our homeland came under attack from fanatics who loathe America's commitment to liberty, freedom and justice for all.

"September 11, 2001, was perhaps the greatest assault the soil and psyche of America has ever experienced. It was a horror that took the lives of thousands of men, women, and children and savaged our nation.

"Those who perished that dark day died simply because they were going about their lives, working, raising their families and trying to build a better tomorrow. They were not soldiers or mercenaries, nor had they done harm to their killers or their way of life. They were merely innocents, in the wrong place, at the wrong time.

"Today, we honor the memories of those lost in this most terrible attack; their families, children and other loved ones who remain. We also honor all who have risked their lives in the rescue operations and those who continue to protect our nation in the struggle to end global terrorism.

"It is my most sincere hope for our world, that someday soon we will eliminate the fervent hate and hostility that divides us and destroys so many lives; and prevents us from building a world of hope and opportunity for all.

"America must lead the world in creating a society where no child goes to bed hungry, where no parent watches their child die of disease unnecessarily and where we no longer take up arms as a means to settle our differences.

"As we join together today to remember those lost on September 11, 2001, let us hope and pray for a new day, a new time, when all the world's people will come together to end hatred and poverty and conflict, and let America lead the way."

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